



**VISION:** Eau Claire is a vibrant city with exceptional quality of life and services.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** It is our mission to assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.

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## City Manager

**Saturday, April 2, 2016: What a day!** Our city was visited by three presidential candidates, other national dignitaries, thousands of participants, peaceful protesters exercising their constitutional rights, Secret Service, motorcades, private jets... all safely interacting and moving about our city without any significant incidents - unprecedented.

This does not just happen.

Hats off to our Police Department, Sheriff's Department and other City and County staff. They did an amazing job and worked hard with facility owners and event organizers to plan, manage and staff the events of the day.

But we did not do this alone. Thanks and appreciation to area law enforcement personnel and the many other agencies who helped make this day a success. So many people gave up their Saturday to make the day work. A wonderful example of public service at work!

We can and should also be very proud of our community as we set a national example of civility.



Emergency Operations Center-April 2, 2016

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## Elections

The turnout at last Tuesday's Spring Election/Presidential Preference set a record in the City. There were 26,366 voters who cast a ballot in the election. That is equal to 64.7% of the registered voters in the City. The previous high turnout for a Spring Election/Presidential Preference was 51%, back in 1988.

The Municipal Board of Canvassers met on Monday, April 11, to process the late-arriving absentee ballots and provisional ballot, which had been made whole. The Board then certified the results of the City Council races. Tim Tewalt won election to the District One seat to which he had been appointed in June. Incumbents Catherine Emmanuelle, Eric Larsen, David Strobel and Michael Xiong won re-election as At-large Representatives on the Council. They will be joined by Kate Beaton who won the fifth At-large seat. The newly elected and re-elected Council Members will take the oath of office and begin serving on April 19.

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## Community Development

### Inspections: March Building Permit Activity

Residential building permits issued in March consisted of 7 single-family and 10 two-family homes for a total valuation of \$4,664,399. Total building valuation for March is \$22,845,938.

### Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.

#### It's time for spring cleaning!

Mark your calendars for this year's huge spring clean-up! Approximately 250-450 volunteers sign up each year for the "Our City Spring Clean-Up" hosted by Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. and Valleybrook Church. Volunteers work on dozens of projects and tasks during this one-day event. Families, church groups, friends, co-workers, students, and others donate their time to clean riverbanks, parks, roads, sidewalks, and trails. They also plant flowers, paint and sweep, and help with many projects at downtown non-profit organizations! It's a great day with an amazing outcome!

We hope to see you on May 14th! Head to [DowntownEauClaire.org](http://DowntownEauClaire.org) for more information and to sign up!



**Would you like to  
volunteer at the Our  
City Spring Clean-Up?**

**To register, please go to  
[www.DowntownEauClaire.org](http://www.DowntownEauClaire.org)!**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2016 EVENTS**



**MAY 14**  
Our City Spring Clean Up

**TBD**  
Urban Living Tour

**AUGUST 6**  
Summer Fest &  
Family Night in the Park

**AUGUST 24**  
A Grand Evening on the  
Bridge

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
International Fall Festival

**OCTOBER 31**  
Trick-or-Treating

**DECEMBER 2**  
Let it Glow!

**DECEMBER 3**  
Christmastime in the City

**Start your journey at [www.DowntownEauClaire.org](http://www.DowntownEauClaire.org)**

FIND US ON:      



# 2016 International Fall Festival Parade Entry Form

Parade begins on S. Barstow St. @ 3:00pm (2:15pm line-up)

Saturday, September 17, 2016



RETURN PORTION BELOW

## International Fall Festival 2016 Parade Entry Form

Official Group/Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing (school, community, or organization, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

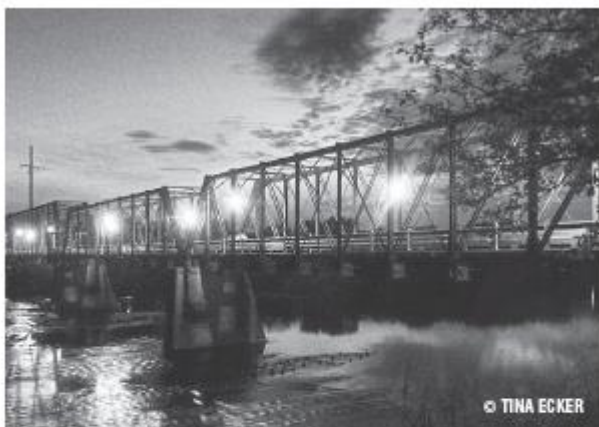
Please list the e-mail address where all parade information will be sent to : \_\_\_\_\_

As a participant of the International Fall Festival 2016, I hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify Downtown Eau Claire, Incorporated, the City of Eau Claire and both of their officers, agents, representatives and employees from and against any and all types of claims, demands, losses, liability, actions, or expenses arising of any kind whatsoever which are connected with or out of the applied-for activity. I also agree to defend Downtown Eau Claire, Incorporated, the City of Eau Claire and both of their officers, agents, representatives and employees against claims or actions by attendees. I also agree to comply with any and all city, county and state codes governing participation in the festival. I further testify that I am authorized by stated organization to give signature to this agreement. I also understand that this sponsorship is non-tax deductible, although can be considered a business expense.

☐ **REQUIRED:** YES, I have read and understand the International Fall Festival 2016 Parade guidelines located at [www.downtowneauclaire.com](http://www.downtowneauclaire.com)

Signature of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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Downtown Eau Claire, Inc., along with the Eau Claire Noon Rotary, is developing a plan to light the Phoenix Park bridge with decorative lighting. The groups will be designing a lighting plan and raising funds. The lighting may have the potential to change colors and change colors to music. If you're interested in donating to this project, please contact DECI at 715-839-4914. More information will be released in the coming months.

**DECI PRESENTS**  
**Jump-Start**  
*Downtown Eau Claire*

**2016 Downtown  
Business  
Competition**

**Jump-Start is a business competition for entrepreneurs interested in opening a business in Downtown Eau Claire, or relocating to downtown. Open to any type of business!**

Submit your business plan to Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. by **August 12, 2016.**

**Win up  
to \$5,000  
in start-up  
capital!**

**Questions?**  
Contact Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. at  
(715) 839-4914 or  
[downtown@eauclairewi.gov](mailto:downtown@eauclairewi.gov)

More information at:  
**[www.DowntownEauClaire.org](http://www.DowntownEauClaire.org)**



# Public Market: Take the Survey

We need your input! How do you feel about the idea of building upon the success of the Eau Claire Downtown Farmers Market by creating a permanent, year-round indoor public market at a site in central Eau Claire? Your answers to this survey will help ensure that the public market meets the needs of area residents. The information you provide will be aggregated with other responses and not used for any other purposes.

**Only a few days left!**

**The survey ends April 17, 2016 and only takes 10 minutes to complete. [Take Now](http://tinyurl.com/h366wuv) or go to the below TinyURL.**



This indoor market would NOT replace the existing Downtown Farmers Market in Phoenix Park, but would seek to provide local, fresh and prepared foods to area residents throughout the year. Preliminary goals for the feasibility study are as follows:

- Strengthen the Northwest Wisconsin regional food system
- Provide entrepreneurial opportunities and jobs
- Help revitalize central and downtown areas
- Contribute to community health and wellness
- Become an asset to attract and retain talent

[Learn more here](http://tinyurl.com/h366wuv) or contact the City of Eau Claire's Associate Planner, Ned Noel, at 715-839-4914.

Public Market Feasibility Study Project Partners



**Marshfield Clinic**  
Don't just live. Shine.



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HEALTH SYSTEM



## Fire & Rescue

### Use of Gas Grills, Charcoal Grills, and Similar Devices

With warmer weather upon us, the Fire Department reminds residents of the applicable fire code concerning outdoor grilling. **For structures other than one- and two-family dwellings**, charcoal grills or any solid fuel cooking or heating appliances cannot be used and stored on decks, balconies or rescue platforms. When used at ground level, they must be at least 10 feet away from any structure.



L.P. gas tanks on grills or other heating appliances cannot be used or stored on decks, balconies or rescue platforms and must follow the listed distance from doors and windows and air intake devices into any building. This is due to the possibility of an L.P. gas cylinder leak and the chance of L.P. gas entering a building and causing an explosion and/or fire.

Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (715) 839-4825 with any questions concerning this or any other fire safety issue.

### Bicycle Safety

Unfortunately, Eau Claire Fire and Rescue personnel often see the consequences of bicyclists—youth and adult—who suffer injury from not following bicycle safety rules.



Millions of Americans ride bicycles, but less than half wear bicycle helmets. Every bicyclist wearing a helmet correctly each time he/she gets on a bicycle can help prevent more than 85% of head injuries when crashes do occur. More than half of all bicycle crashes are simple falls caused by operator error, bicycle condition, riding surface condition, or a distraction causing a sudden swerve. Only 10-20% of bicycle crashes involve a motor vehicle. Head injury is the most common serious injury in bicycle crashes with motor vehicles. Many simple falls also involve head and brain injury – a type of injury from which the victim does not always completely recover. Brain and head injuries can be prevented or significantly reduced by correctly and consistently wearing a helmet.

On its website, (<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/safety/education/bike/rules.aspx>), the Wisconsin Department of Transportation outlines the most important actions or rules that all bicyclists must follow for safe biking. These include the following:

- ✓ Ride at least three feet from the curb or parked vehicles or debris in curb area and in a straight line. Don't swerve in and out around parked vehicles.
- ✓ Always ride in the same direction as traffic.
- ✓ Sidewalk riding for bicyclists past the learning stage and being closely supervised by adults can be more dangerous than being on the road and obeying traffic laws. It also is illegal unless the community has passed an ordinance specifically permitting sidewalk riding. This can be age-restricted, location-restricted, or based on the type of property abutting the sidewalk.
- ✓ Obey all traffic laws.
- ✓ Be predictable! Let other users know where you intend to go and maintain an understood course.

Please take the time to follow these simple measures to avoid becoming a tragic statistic.

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## Health



### Public Health Makes a Difference

Americans are living 20 years longer than their grandparents' generation, thanks largely to the work of public health, according to the American Public Health Association. However, individuals in many other high-income countries still live longer and suffer fewer health issues than we do.

We know that the health of the places where you live, work and play greatly influences your health. That's why we are working every single day to improve the health of our community and keep our community members *safe* and *healthy*. From restaurant inspections to reproductive health services, from well water testing to immunizations— you benefit from the public health prevention work that happens at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. **To learn more about public health accomplishments in the past year, please read our [2015 Annual report summary](#).**

**For additional information about the Health Department and the important services we provide for the community, please visit us at [www.echealthdepartment.org](http://www.echealthdepartment.org).**

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## Library



### **Eau Claire Grows Community Seed Library**

Heirloom vegetable, herb and flower seeds are available for check out at Information & Reference. The seed library will offer easy-to-grow seeds that are perfect for beginner seed savers. See the library's April newsletter for more information.

### **"Spotlight" Film Screening**

*Tuesday, April 19 • 6 p.m. • Eau Claire Room*

Commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month with a screening of "Spotlight", recipient of this year's Academy Award for Best Picture. Rated R. Sexual assault victim advocates from the Family Support Center will facilitate a post-film discussion.

### **Sketch to Sidewalk: How Sculpture Tour Eau Claire Takes Shape (Panel Discussion)**

*Thursday, April 21 • 6–7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room*

Ever wonder what goes into the making of “Sculpture Tour Eau Claire” each year? Find out how the process works, from the sculpture design process, to the selection of artists, to the business support that is necessary in advancing public arts in our community. No registration required.

### **What’s Your Money Personality?**

*Tuesday, May 3 • 6–7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room*

This workshop will help you understand why you treat money as you do. You’ll discover the five personality types and learn how these types inter-relate. No registration required.



### **A 1,000-Mile Great Lakes Island Adventure**

*Wednesday, May 11 • 7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room*

Explore the Great Lakes with presenter Loreen Niewenhuis. She’ll share her biking, hiking and kayaking adventures of the vast freshwater network.

For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at [www.ecpubliclibrary.info](http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info), stop at the Information & Reference desk on your next visit to the library, call 715-839-5004, or e-mail the library at [librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us](mailto:librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us).

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## **Parks, Recreation & Forestry**

### **Spring Sport League Registration Deadline April 20**

The deadline to register for [spring sport leagues](#) through Eau Claire Parks and Recreation is Wednesday, April 20.

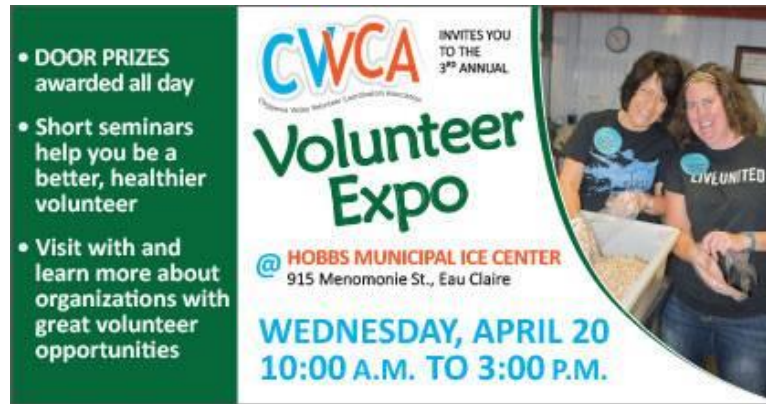
- Pickleball
- Soccer
- Softball (fast-pitch and slow-pitch)
- Ultimate Frisbee

A poster for Michael Perry's book launch. It features a background image of a large, ornate building with a dome. In the top right corner, the text reads: "The Chippewa Valley Writers Guild Presents" in red, and "Michael Perry" in a larger red font. Below this is a small portrait of Michael Perry, a man with a shaved head wearing a black t-shirt. At the bottom of the poster, the text reads: "Saturday, May 7 • 2 p.m. • Eau Claire Room". Below that, in smaller text, it says: "Join Chippewa Valley resident Michael Perry, author of *The Jesus Cow*, *Population 485*, and many more, for a conversation on the keyboard-level realities of balancing writing for a living with writing for meaning. No registration required."

### Volunteer Opportunities in April

April is National Volunteer Month, and the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to take part in two volunteer events this month:

- **April 20:** Volunteer Expo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hobbs Ice Center, 915 Menomnie St. Interact with local organizations seeking volunteers.



- **April 23:** Amazing Eau Claire Clean-up, 9 a.m. to noon. [Register](#) yourself, your family or your organization to be assigned a park, trail, playground or flowerbed to spruce up. Contact Marybeth Berry at 715-839-5039 or [Marybeth.Berry@eauclairewi.gov](mailto:Marybeth.Berry@eauclairewi.gov).



### Medical Professionals Lead Healthy Trails Programs

Enjoy local parks and trails while receiving helpful health information from local health care providers. Healthy Trails is free and open to all ages and abilities. Participants choose their own distance and pace. No registration required.

- **Strut Your Mutt:** 6 p.m. Thursday, April 21, Hobbs Ice Center, 915 Menomonie Street. Stroll with your pup and a local veterinarian to learn how to keep your pets healthy. All pets must be on a leash.
- **Noon Trailblazers:** 12:00 noon, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7 and October 5, at Phoenix Park. Explore nearby trails and parks while learning about important health topics from Mayo Clinic Health System.



### Drop-in Rink Activities Continue Through Spring, Summer

Keep your spring and summer on ice with the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department. The following drop-in activities are available through Wednesday, August 31, at Hobbs Ice Center, 915 Menomonie Street:

- **Lunch Break Skate:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is \$3 or a single punch on a [City Pass](#). No skating May 30 or July 4.
- **Rink Rat Hockey:** 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. (ages 7 to 10) and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (ages 11 to 14) Wednesdays. Cost \$3 or single punch on a City Pass.
- **Adult Open Hockey:** 8:45 to 10:15 p.m. Wednesdays. Ages 18 and older. Cost is \$6 or two punches on a City Pass. Players must have full equipment. Goalies skate for free.
- **Adult Open Broomball:** 8:45 to 10:15 p.m. Wednesdays. Ages 18 and older. Cost is \$6 or two punches on a City Pass. The department recently purchased 24 new broomball sticks. Players must provide their own helmets.

For more information, contact Eau Claire Parks and Recreation staff at 715-839-5040.

### Hobbs Ice Center Rink Available for Dry-land Rentals

Ice has been removed from one of the rinks at the Hobbs Ice Center, 915 Menomonie Street, and the rink space is available for special event rentals May 1 through September 30. The facility is available for trade shows, craft fairs, reunions and graduation parties, banquets, conventions and more. Cost is \$1,000 per day per rink. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation staff at 715-839-5040.

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### National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

In 1991, Congress proclaimed the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This year, National Telecommunicators Week is April 10-16, 2016. Telecommunicators at the Eau Claire Emergency Communications Center are charged with answering all emergency and non-emergency calls for service in Eau Claire County. In 2014, our telecommunicators tracked 112,681 Computer-Aided Dispatch incidents, and received 82,215 emergency phone calls and 157,088 non-emergency phone calls, in addition to countless incoming and outgoing radio transmissions.



### Police Officer Candidate Eligibility List

On April 1, the Police and Fire Commission certified the newest Police Officer Candidate Eligibility List. Prior to being put on the eligibility list, officer candidates must complete a written exercise, physical agility testing and also interview with members of the Police and Fire Commission and Chief's staff. The Eau Claire Police Department hopes to fill our vacant officer positions with qualified candidates from this eligibility list.

### **Pet Safety**

Everyone loves being outside in the spring – even pets. In addition to making sure our four-legged friends have ample food, water and shade, pet owners are reminded that pets must not leave their owner's property and that all dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than eight feet when not on their owner's property.



Spring is also the time of year the number of animal bites rise, especially from dogs. To reduce your risk of being bitten, citizens (including children) are encouraged to ask for a pet owner's permission before attempting to pet a dog. The [American Kennel Club](#) and [Humane Society of the United States](#) have some excellent tips for preventing dog bites.

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### **Public Works**

#### **Haymarket Plaza Open House April 21**

Help shape the design of one of Eau Claire's newest public spaces, the Haymarket Plaza. The public is invited to attend an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, in the North Conference Room in City Hall, 203 South Farwell Street, to refine design concepts from an earlier open house. Input will be used to create a final preferred design that will be presented to the project developers.

#### **Exterior Panels Installed on Parking Ramp**

Exterior precast panels have been installed on the North Barstow parking ramp. Installment of decorative brick-faced panels also has begun. Construction of the 760-vehicle ramp remains within budget and is on schedule to open early September.



### **License Plate Recognition System Installed**

Cameras and software designed to read license plates recently were installed on one police community service officer vehicle. Staff are being trained on the software and testing the equipment on designated vehicles. When operational later this spring, the system should help law enforcement more efficiently enforce parking regulations.

### **Public Works Projects Available for Bid**

The Public Works Department is seeking [bids](#) on several projects for spring and summer. A sampling of projects includes reconstruction contracts for:

- Chapin Street
- Churchill Street
- Hastings Way Frontage Road
- Hogeboom Avenue
- Shale Ledge Road

For more information, click on the “Bids and RFP” link on the menu bar of the City’s homepage at [www.eauclairewi.gov](http://www.eauclairewi.gov).

### **Spring Cleaning Continues Along Eau Claire Streets**

Street sweeping operations will continue through the month along streets throughout the city. Crews have completed most streets on the city’s east side and will be transitioning to west side in coming weeks.

### **Pavement Patching Along Birch Street**

The Streets Division will be spray patching the concrete pavement joints along Birch Street from Starr Avenue to Germania Street. The street will remain open, but motorists should expect traffic delays and lane diversions. Work is expected to be completed by April 29. Please remain vigilant of street crews and obey construction signs.

### **RV Dump Station Opens May 2**

A new dump station for recreational vehicles opens Monday, May 2. The station will be available 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily at the City’s Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1000 Ferry Street. For more information, contact the Wastewater Treatment Facility at 715-839-6117.





## Eau Claire City Council



**Seated from left to right: David Klinkhammer, Tim Tewalt, Eric Larsen, Catherine Emmanuelle, Bob Von Haden, Andrew Werthmann, Kerry Kincaid, Kathleen Mitchell, Michael Xiong, David Strobel, Monica Lewis**

The [Eau Claire City Council](#) meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 4 pm. These are legislative meetings where the Council votes on items. Public Hearings are held at 7 pm on the Monday evening before each legislative session. All meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 203 S. Farwell Street.

City Council meetings are televised live on Community Television Basic Cable Channels 96 and 97 and Digital Cable Channels 993 and 994, and Digital TV Tuner Channels 98-13 and 98-14, along with being streamed live at [Community Television](#). The program is re-broadcast on the Thursday and Saturday following the meetings. The re-broadcasts begin at 8 am on Thursday morning and at noon on Saturday. The meetings are also simulcast on radio station WRFP 101.9 FM. Please contact Community Television at 715-839-5067 with any questions you may have regarding the broadcasts of City Council meetings.

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